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**HARDIN COUNTY MAN SENTENCED TO TWO YEARS
FOR TRAFFICKING IN STOLEN GUNS**

– Sold 41 stolen firearms including assault rifle

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, and Paul Vido, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Louisville Field Division, jointly announced that on February 2, 2007, **JAMES HUMPHREY**, age 22, of 600 Bellwood Drive, Elizabethtown, Kentucky, in Hardin County, **was sentenced** to 2 years and 6 months imprisonment, plus 2 years supervised release following incarceration, in United States District Court, Louisville, Kentucky, for trafficking in stolen firearms. **There is no parole in the federal judicial system.** In addition, the Court postponed a decision on the amount of restitution that **Humphrey** would be ordered to pay as a result of his conviction. On four different occasions, Hardin County Drug Task Force detectives bought these stolen pistols, shotguns, and rifles from **Humphrey**.

US. Attorney Huber praised the task force detectives “for keeping these stolen guns from drug dealers and other dangerous criminals who cannot buy guns legally.”

Humphrey had pled guilty to trafficking in stolen firearms between March 28, 2006 and April 6, 2006. **Humphrey** admitted that On March 8, 2006, in Hardin County, Kentucky, he

possessed and sold six stolen firearms consisting of five shotguns and a Ruger .45 caliber pistol. At the time of the March 8, 2006 transaction, **Humphrey** was aware that the six firearms were stolen.

Humphrey further admitted that on March 28, 2006, in Hardin County, he possessed and sold eighteen more stolen firearms consisting of 11 shotguns, 4 rifles, 2 pistols, and 1 black powder rifle. At the time of the March 28, 2006 transaction, **Humphrey** was aware that the eighteen firearms were stolen.

Humphrey also admitted that on March 31, 2006, in Hardin County, Kentucky, he possessed and sold nine additional stolen firearms consisting of 4 rifles, 4 shotguns, 1 pistol with an obliterated serial number, and 1 black powder pistol. At the time of the March 31, 2006 transaction, **Humphrey** was aware that the nine firearms were stolen.

Finally, **Humphrey** admitted that on April 6, 2006, in Hardin County, Kentucky, he possessed and sold seven stolen firearms, consisting of 3 rifles (including a Norinco Model SKS assault rifle with folding stock and bayonet) and 5 shotguns. At the time of the April 6, 2006 transaction, **Humphrey** was aware that the seven firearms were stolen.

Co-defendant Kyle Soles pled guilty to the same charges and was sentenced on January 26, 2007, to 2 years imprisonment, plus 2 years of supervised release following incarceration.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Eric Long and Thomas W. Dyke and was investigated by the Hardin County Drug Task Force and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

This is a **Project Backfire** prosecution. **Project Backfire** is a partnership of state and federal law enforcement which targets violent offenders for prosecution to the fullest extent of state and federal law.

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